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DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

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_____, read first time and referred to Committee on _____



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2 Methodist Church of Mount Vernon, Indiana on the occasion of its
3 200th anniversary.

4 *Whereas, The First United Methodist Church came into*
5 *being in 1815, as Circuit Rider Moses Ashworth began*
6 *preaching in what would become the town of Mount Vernon,*
7 *Indiana in 1816;*

8 *Whereas, Following the initial sermons, the town of Mount*
9 *Vernon built a structure for the church and a school at Sixth*
10 *and Main Street in 1828, just across the street from where the*
11 *current First United Methodist Church sits today;*

12 *Whereas, Throughout its 200 year history, the First United*
13 *Methodist Church has been an integral part of the Mount*
14 *Vernon community and the history of the state of Indiana;*

15 *Whereas, Notably, the First United Methodist Church of*
16 *Mount Vernon was the congregation of John Pitcher, a lawyer*
17 *who tutored Abraham Lincoln in the law, and the church*
18 *officiated the funeral of Governor and Civil War General Alvin*
19 *Hovey to 10,000 attendees, who was also a student of Mr.*
20 *Pitcher;*

21 *Whereas, As the congregation continued to grow over the*
22 *years, a new church was completed in 1854, a new sanctuary*
23 *was built in 1958, the Susanna Wesley Nursery School began in*



1 *1981, and in 2002, First United Methodist Church built Wesley*
2 *Hall on the west side of the church; and*

3 *Whereas, To celebrate its bicentennial, the parishioners of*
4 *First United Methodist Church of Mount Vernon, Indiana*
5 *refurbished the sanctuary, held a kick-off dinner in the spring*
6 *of 2015, arranged a picnic in Wesley Hall in the summer of*
7 *2015, and on October 18, 2015, Bishop Michael Coyner and*
8 *Reverend Christopher Millay, First United Methodist Church's*
9 *new pastor, led a sermon and communion service to culminate*
10 *the celebration: Therefore,*

11 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly*
12 *of the State of Indiana, the House of Representatives concurring:*

13 SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly honors and
14 congratulates the First United Methodist Church of Mount Vernon,
15 Indiana on the occasion of its 200th anniversary.

16 SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed to
17 transmit copies of this Resolution to Senior Pastor Christopher Millay
18 and the First United Methodist Church's leaders.

